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## 1. PM Modi receives France 's highest honor Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has become the first Indian Prime Minister to be awarded France 's highest civilian and military honor , the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour , by French President Emmanuel Macron . Modi received this honor on July 13 , 2023 at the Elysee Palace here He joined the ranks of other prominent world leaders including former President of South Africa Nelson Mandela , King Charles – then Prince of Wales , former Chancellor of Germany Angela Merkel , Boutros Boutros - Ghali , former Secretary General of the United Nations . Given by France The prestigious Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor is another award in the series of top international awards and honors conferred on Prime Minister Modi by various countries . Earlier , French President and First Lady Brigitte Macron met Mr. Modi at Elysee Palace Organized a private dinner for Established in 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte , the Legion of Honor is divided into five classes ( from lower to higher ) . The color of the ribbon is red and the badge is a five - armed Maltese star hanging over an oak and laurel wreath . It has happened . Although membership of the award is limited to French citizens , foreign citizens who serve France or uphold its ideals may also be awarded the Legion 's distinction .

## 2. Telangana High Court declares Telangana Transgender Act unconstitutional



The Telangana High Court recently delivered a landmark judgement, declaring the Telangana Transgender Act as unconstitutional. The act, which was in force since 1919, was deemed discriminatory and violative of the human rights of the transgender community. The court's decision will have a significant impact on the recognition and protection of transgender rights in Telangana. The Telangana Transgender Act came under scrutiny following a public interest litigation (PIL) filed by Vyjayanthi Vasantha Mogli, who argued that the act was discriminatory and lacked legal backing. A High Court bench of Chief Justice Ujjwal Bhuiyan and Justice CV Bhaskar Reddy agreed with the petitioner's claims and struck down the Act on July 6, 2023. In his judgement, Highlighting the coercive and arbitrary nature of the Telangana Transgender Act, the high court bench declared it unconstitutional. The court said that the Act criminalises the entire transgender community and violates their fundamental rights. It specifically mentions the right to privacy and the right to dignity, protected under Article 21 of the Constitution of India, which guarantees every person's right to life and personal liberty.

## 3. Max Life Insurance partners with DCB Bank





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Max Life Insurance Company announced its partnership with DCB Bank. Through this collaboration, Max Life and DCB Bank will offer life insurance products including term, savings and retirement plans to the bank's customers, allowing them to safeguard their financial future and expand their investment portfolio. The insurer said the business tie-up will provide bank customers access to protection and long-term savings solutions from Max Life, which will provide financial stability to them and their families. DCB Bank's tie-up with Max Life will pave the way for customizable and diversified life insurance products for our customers. Through this partnership, we aim to empower our customers by providing them life insurance products that meet their needs."

## 4. La Liga legend Luis Suarez passes away



Luis Suárez Miramontes, also known as the "Golden Galician", has passed away at the age of 88. He was the only Spanish man to receive football's most prestigious individual honour, the Ballon d' Or. Originally from Galicia in north-west Spain, Suárez achieved most of his notable successes in Italy with Inter, where he earned trophies such as the European Cup in 1964 and 1965, as well as three Italian league titles. After his stint at Barcelona, where he secured two Spanish league titles, Suárez moved to Inter. Suarez won the Ballon d'Or in 1960 and won second place in 1961 and 1964. He played in the Spanish team that won the European Championship in 1964, their first major title. After retiring in 1973, Suárez had three spells coaching Inter. He also managed the Spain national team from 1988–91. Suárez did not pay much

attention to his Ballon d'Or trophy, which later eluded Spanish superstars including Andres Iniesta, Xavi Hernandez and Raul Gonzalez. After retiring in 1973, Suárez had three spells coaching Inter. He also managed the Spain national team from 1988–91.

## 5. Equal pay by ICC: An important step for women's cricket



ODI World Cup is to be played in India this year. Before this tournament, ICC has taken a big decision regarding women's cricket. For the past many times, there was a demand to take concrete steps to promote women's cricket, but now they have taken a big decision. The ICC has decided that now the women's cricket team will also get the prize money of the ICC events at par with the men's team. The ICC has taken this decision during the ICC Annual Conference held in Durban, South Africa. Due to this decision, women's cricket teams will now get the same prize money as men in ICC events. For a long time, there was a demand to take concrete steps to promote women's cricket. Now this decision of ICC will take women's cricket to a new height. ICC Chairman Greg Barclay said that this is an important moment in the history of our game and I am delighted that male and female cricketers participating in ICC tournaments will now be awarded equal prize money. Since 2017, we have increased the prize money in the women's tournament every year to reach the same prize money. Now winning the ICC Women's World Cup will get the same prize money as winning the ICC Men's World Cup. T20 and Under-19 will also get the same prize money.

## 6. Section 144 implemented in flood-prone areas

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Delhi Police has invoked Section 144 CrPC in flood-prone areas as the water level in Yamuna river has been recorded at 207.55 metres, the highest ever. The Yamuna river is in spate in Delhi and the water level in the river was recorded at 207.55, which is the highest ever. To deal with the flood situation, the Delhi government has invoked Section 144 CrPC in flood-prone areas. Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal called a high-level meeting on the rising water level in Yamuna. He chaired an emergency meeting at the Secretariat to monitor the flood situation, during which ministers, mayors and officials from various departments were present. Water is entering Delhi from Haryana and Himachal Pradesh. Delhi CM has written to Union Home Minister Amit Shah requesting him to reduce the flow of water entering Delhi. Many places have been affected due to rise in the water level in Yamuna river.

## 7. A new book 'Prism: The Ancestral Abode of Rainbow' released before Chandrayaan 3 launch



The field of space exploration has always fascinated the minds of people across the world. There has been a significant development in India's space endeavours. "Prism: The Ancestral Abode of the Rainbow " A new

book has been released, which throws light on the remarkable Chandrayaan 3 mission. The book covers important insights into the mission and its objectives, making it an invaluable resource for students preparing for government exams, including positions in teaching, police, banking, railways, defense and civil services from PSCS to IAS Are. The Chandrayaan 3 mission holds immense significance in the field of space exploration, and this book serves as a comprehensive guide, providing an in-depth understanding of its various aspects. With its SEO-friendly and plagiarism-free content, the book ensures that students get accurate and reliable information.

## 8. Approval for the purchase of Rafale Marine aircraft and additional Scorpene submarines



The Defense Acquisition Council (DAC) meeting chaired by Defense Minister Shri Rajnath Singh on July 13, 2023 approved three important proposals aimed at enhancing India's naval capabilities. Under the first proposal, the DAC granted the Acceptance of Need (AoN) for the procurement of 26 Rafale seaplanes from the French government. The procurement will include associated accessories, weapons, simulators, spares, documentation, crew training and logistics support for the Indian Navy. The decision to acquire these advanced aircraft was made on the basis of an Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) between India and France. In another major development, the DAC approved the procurement of three additional Scorpene submarines under the procurement (Indian) category. These submarines will be built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), which will further strengthen India's indigenous defense manufacturing



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capabilities. Incorporation of high indigenous content in the construction of submarines aligns with India's vision for self-reliance in defense production.

## QUIZ

1. When is the World Youth Skills Day observed every year?

- a) 1st July
- b) 15th July
- c) 15th August
- d) 1st September

World Youth Skills Day 2023 is celebrated every year on 15 July. It focuses on the strategic importance of equipping youth with skills for employability, decent work and entrepreneurship. The day is to equip youth around the world with the skills needed for employment, work and entrepreneurship. The day is meant to celebrate, acknowledge the importance of equipping youth with skills for employability and entrepreneurship. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana was launched in India on 15 July 2015, on the occasion of the first World Youth Skills Day. This was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Under this scheme, the youth of the country are given free industrial training in different fields by the government, so that they can get employment. Youth of 14 to 35 years can get training under this mission.

2. Which was the launch site of the LVM3-M4 rocket that will take Chandrayaan-3 to the Moon on July 14, 2023?

- a) Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota,
  - b) Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station,
  - c) Abdul Kalam Island,
  - d) Indian Space Research Organisation, Bangalore
- Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) successfully launched the LVM3 M4 rocket carrying Chandrayaan 3. The launch took place on 14 July 2023 at 2.35 pm from the second launch pad of India's space center Sriharikota.

3. Recently, with whom has the Ministry of Defense tied up for safe and nutritious food?

- a) IRCTC
- b) FSSAI
- c) Amul

d) all

The MoU was signed by Lt Gen Preet Mohinder Singh, Director General (Supply & Transport) on behalf of the Ministry of Defense and Shri G Kamala Vardhan Rao, CEO, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). It aims to create awareness among personnel about dietary diversity and nutritional benefits of millet-based food products. The MoU will also pave the way for the introduction of millet-based menus in messes, canteens and other food outlets under the Ministry of Defence.

4. At which airport in India, the country's first elevated cross taxiway service has been started?

- a) Kolkata International Airport
- b) Varanasi International Airport
- c) Mumbai International Airport
- d) Indira Gandhi International Airport

The country's first elevated cross taxiway (ECT) service has been started at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport. With its help, the operational efficiency of the airport will increase and it will also help in reducing carbon emissions. This dual lane ECT service is of 2.1 km length which will connect the northern and southern airfields of the airport.

5. Recently Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been invited as a special guest in the Bastille Day military parade of which country?

- a) France
- b) Germany
- c) Italy
- d) Rome

Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the Bastille Day military parade in France on 14 July 2023 Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a special guest. Apart from him, French President Emmanuel Macron and other guests were present on the occasion. Earlier, French President Macron honored PM Narendra Modi with France's highest honor (civil and military) 'Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour'.

6. Recently which state's Rural Livelihood Mission has been awarded the SKOCH Award under the theme "State of Governance India 2047" in the Gold category?

- a) Rajasthan

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b) Karnataka

c) Kerala

d) Jammu and Kashmir

Jammu and Kashmir Rural Livelihoods Mission (JKRLM) has been awarded the SKOCH Award under the theme "State of Governance India 2047" in the Gold category. Jammu and Kashmir Rural Livelihoods Mission has launched several important programs which have contributed significantly in transforming the lives of innumerable women associated with Self Help Groups. The main objective of JKRLM is to reduce the prevailing poverty in the state by building strong grassroots level institutions for the poor, involving them in gainful livelihood interventions and ensuring appreciable improvement in their income on a sustainable basis.

**7. Which state government has recently approved two thermal power projects worth Rs 18,000 crore at Obra in Sonbhadra?**

a) Bihar

b) Jharkhand

c) Uttar Pradesh

d) Himachal Pradesh

Uttar Pradesh state government has approved two 800 MW thermal power projects worth Rs 18,000 crore at Obra in Sonbhadra. The Uttar Pradesh government had signed an agreement with NTPC to set up a thermal plant at Obra during the Global Investors Summit.

**8. Who will host the conference of ASEAN countries on traditional medicines recently?**

a) China

b) India

c) Bhutan

d) none

Ministry of AYUSH in collaboration with Ministry of External Affairs, Indian Mission to ASEAN and ASEAN Secretariat, is organizing a Conference on Traditional Medicines for ASEAN Countries on 20th July, 2023. ASEAN (Association of South-Eastern States) is an organization of ten Asian countries including Vietnam, Cambodia and India is a member of the ASEAN Regional Forum. According to AYUSH and Ports, Shipping and Shipping Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, the conference will discuss innovative research, technology, education, trade etc. in the field of

traditional medicine and India will share its experience with ASEAN member countries.

## ONE LINER

When is World Youth Skills Day celebrated - **15 July**

When was the mission Chandrayaan 3 launched recently - **14 July 2023**

Nita Mukesh Ambani Cultural Center launches - '**NMACC Bachpan**'

Which state's Chief Minister has announced an incentive package for industrial promotion - **Chhattisgarh**

Which state government has recently approved the proposal to include Kui language in the 8th Schedule - **Odisha**

Which bank has recently inaugurated IFSC Banking Unit in GIFT City – **Bank of India**

Where has Razorpay launched its first international payment gateway recently- **Malaysia**

By whom the book 'Prism : The Ancestral Adob of Rainbow' has been released - **Vinod Mankara**

Who has released a new AI based notes app called 'NotebookLM' - **Google**

Where will the seventh edition of the Indian Mobile Congress be held recently - **New Delhi**

Who has recently been appointed as the President of Delhi Chapter by the National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO) – **Harshvardhan Bansal**